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Appendix II.

[Vide answer to starred question No. 668 asked by Sri R. Srinivasa Iyer (on behalf of Sri T. Sampath) at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 14th April 1960, page 14 supra.]

The Government have fixed the following maximum fares inclusive of the tax leviable under the Madras Motor Vehicles (Taxation of Passengers and Goods) Act, 1952, for stage carriages in this State. These rates came into effect from 18th September 1953.

A. Ordinary stage carriages—

(i) Seven and half pies per mile on roads in the plains in the mufassal except in urban areas, where there are town services :

Provided that for distances of less than eight miles, a fare not exceeding five annas may be charged.

(ii) Thirteen pies per mile on ghat roads, provided that for distances of less than four miles a fare not exceeding four annas and three pies may be charged.

Stage carriages run as town services—

(iii) Twelve and half pies for the first stage and six and half pies for every subsequent stage (a stage approximately as far as practicable to a mile) for stage carriages plying in the City of Madras and in mufassal towns.

Note—The fares payable by a passenger in accordance with the rates specified in clauses (i), (ii) and (iii) above should be rounded off to the nearest quarter anna, one and a half pie being treated as the next higher quater anna.

B. Express stage carriages.—

Fifty per cent above the rates for ordinary stage carriages. Provided that if, in an express stage carriage, provision is made for a superior class of accommodation for all the passengers, the Regional Transport Authority concerned may allow fares to be charged for such accommodation at such rates as it may fix not exceeding 100 per cent above the rates for ordinary stage carriages.

Explanation.—For the purpose of this clause, an Express Stage Carriage is a stage carriage plying on routes covering a distance of not less than 30 miles and the permit for which prescribes that on an average it shall stop to pick up or set down passengers only once for every 25 miles of the total distance covered by its route, the starting and terminal stops being excluded.

C. Stage carriage run on special occasions such as fairs and festivals—

(v) Fifty per cent above the rates for ordinary stage carriages.